

I was at the FCC meeting in Monterey, CA, where you heard 98% of the public speak out in anger against what has essentially become the de-democratization of America. That the corporate giant Sinclair Broadcasting is forcing its stations to air an egregiously politically biased film against John Kerry is a prime example of what we were all talking about.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.